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1. DEPARTMENT APOLOGIZES FOR TARDY RESPONSE TO REFTELS.

2. GENEVA LOS SESSION PRODUCED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT WHICH REFERS TO APPLICATION OF EQUITABLE PRINCIPLES TO DELIMITATION OF ECONOMIC ZONES AROUND ISLANDS. ARTICLE 132 OF COMMITTEE II SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT PROVIDES
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QUOTE EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH 3, THE TERRITORIAL

SEA, THE CONTIGUOUS ZONE, THE EXCLUSIVE ZONE AND THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF AN ISLAND ARE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRESENT CONVENTION APPLICABLE TO OTHER LAND TERRITORY END QUOTE. ARTICLE 61 OF COMMITTEE II SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT PROVIDES QUOTE THE DELIMITATION OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE BETWEEN ADJACENT OR OPPOSITE STATES SHALL BE EFFECTED BY AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH EQUITABLE PRINCIPLES, EMPLOYING, WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE MEDIAN OR EQUIDISTANCE LINE, AND TAKING ACCOUNT OF ALL THE RELEVANT CIRCUMSTANCES. END QUOTE.

3. USG CONTINUES TO REVIEW GENERAL LOS ISSUES, UNDERTAKE INTERIM NEGOTIATIONS, AND EXAMINE LANGUAGE OF SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT. USG HAS NOT YET TAKEN DEFINITE POSITION ON SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OF TEXT ARTICLES. ARTICLE 61 DOES INDICATE DELIMITATION SHALL BE EFFECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EQUITABLE PRINCIPLES, AND USG GENERALLY SUPPORTS THIS PROVISION; HOWEVER, IT MUST BE NOTED THAT USG SUPPORT IS CONDITIONAL UPON A VARIETY OF FACTORS, INCLUDING THE LANGUAGE USED IN A FINAL ARTICLE.

4. EMBASSY IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON LOS MATTERS WITH GOA OFFICIALS. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF GOA REGARDS ARTICLES 132 AND 61 OF COMMITTEE II SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT AS SATISFACTORILY DEALING WITH ITS CONCERNS REGARDING THE BALEARIC ISLANDS AND SARDINIA. IF SO, HOW DOES GOA ENVISION THAT SUCH EQUITABLE PRINCIPLES WOULD BE APPLIED? KISSINGER

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